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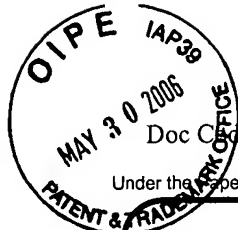
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Action mailed March 3, 2006, please amend the above identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Presented below is a complete set of claims with current status indicators. Claims 1-18 have been amended. Please enter the amended claims 1-18.